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PRODUCTION COST OF AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to cut down the production cost of agro-products in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have explored the possibilities of reducing the production cost of agro-products;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. There is a need for reducing the Cost of Production of agroproducts in the interest of both producers and consumers. Technology improvement and better farm management are major factors that contribute to reduction in production cost of agro products. In this connection research efforts are directed towards evolving new varieties, increasing cropping intensity, crop sequencing, inter-cropping etc, development of cheaper production and protection technologies, reducing post harvest losses of agricultural commodities, and training and extension.